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In Re Application of: : Attorney Docket: 37026-88081
Tadashi NARIU, et al. : Group Art Unit: 2815
Application Serial No: 10/618,374 : Examiner: Eugene Lee
Filed: 07/11/2003 :
For: IMAGE SENSOR :
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement dated 7 June 2004 in the above identified application, due 7 July 2004. Please extend the period for filing a reply for three months, for an extended due date of 7 October 2004.

The fee for extension of time (large entity; less the small entity reduction if applicable) of \$980.00 is:

Submitted herewith.

to be charged to Deposit Account 07-1985.

Please charge any deficiency in fees and credit any excess in fees to Deposit Account 07-1985.

Showing of Due Care and Inability to Respond Within Time Set for Response

Nature of Delay: Petition for extension of the time for response.

Showing of Need and Special Circumstances: The extension was needed because of the extreme complexity of restriction issues in this large application of many claims arising from the numerous groups of claims proposed by examiner in a restriction requirement, and length of the necessary disclosure of the application and its many claims, and because of the necessary coordination of the matter to obtain instructions regarding response from applicant representative of Japan, and communication between said representative and Applicants and their company.

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Showing of Due Care: The applicants, applicant's representative in Japan, and U.S. representatives of applicant all acted with due diligence and rapidity, using electronic communication. All communications between the undersigned and applicant were made diligently, by the most efficient means, with due dispatch and with due care. Attention was duly given to docket matters in sequence. Despite due care, there was inability of Applicants to advise the undersigned in the specifics of response within the set time for response for the reasons set forth above. In view of the foregoing, additional time was required in order to respond to the Official Action.

Request for Disposition. In view of these circumstances, the Patent and Trademark Office should not subtract from the ultimate term of the patent the term of the petition for extension submitted herewith. This request is made in accordance with Patent Term Guarantee Act of 1999 and 37 CFR 1.701-705.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 4 October 2004



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